

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) An introduction device for introducing an object into a vessel of a body, comprising:

a tubular channel and a dilator carrying the channel, wherein the dilator comprises a conical tip portion and is adapted to be retracted from the channel, characterized in that the channel has a wall thickness not larger than 0.06 mm and is made from a hard plastic material.

2. (Original) The introduction device according to claim 1, characterized in that prior to sliding the channel onto the dilator the inner diameter (D1) of the channel is at least as large as the outer diameter (D2) of the dilator.

3. (Original) The introduction device according to claim 2, characterized in that the channel forms a force fit on the dilator.

4. (Currently Amended) The introduction device according to ~~one of claims 1-3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the dilator and/or the channel comprise a low-friction slip material.

5. (Currently Amended) The introduction device according to ~~one of claims 1-4~~ claim 1, characterized in that a connecting device for injecting a pressurized fluid into the channel is provided.

6. (Currently Amended) The introduction device, in particular according to ~~one of claims 1-5~~ claim 1, characterized in that the channel comprises a distal end section which at least partly overlaps the conical tip portion.

7. (Original) The introduction device according to claim 6, characterized in that the end section is defined by a tear-off line.

8. (Currently Amended) The introduction device according to ~~one of~~
~~claims 1-7~~ claim 1, characterized in that the end section of the channel is adhesively
bonded to the tip portion of the dilator.